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for Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-365413, which is believed to claim priority to U.S. Application No. 09/725,049, cited in the Office Action dated July 15, 2003 at page 15.

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1. JP 09-308619 - This document was cited in the above-mentioned Japanese Notice of Rejection. U.S. Patent No. 5,991,433, submitted herewith, is believed to be the English language counterpart.

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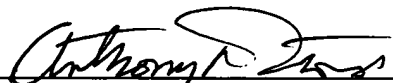
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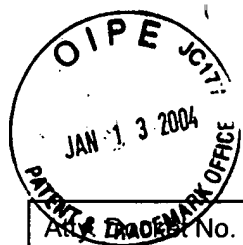
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